

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1 and 6 are currently being amended.

Claims 11-17 are being added.

This amendment and reply adds and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After adding and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-17 are now pending in this application.

Request for Approval of Formal Drawings Previously Filed:

Applicant respectfully requests that the next PTO communication indicate approval of the formal drawings submitted to the PTO on August 5, 2005.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0142794 to Harano in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,026 to Wong; claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harano in view of Wong and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,031,762 to Shoji et al.; and claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harano in view of Wong and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,590,544 to Filipovic. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

Presently pending independent claim 1 recites a dielectric member with a predetermined dielectric constant and little loss is mounted on a back side of the antenna such that the dielectric member is positioned farther away from a head of a user than the antenna is positioned with respect to the head of the user, when the user is operating the portable

telephone. See, for example, the disposition shown in Figure 3 of the drawings, whereby a user's head may correspond to element X in that figure.

Turning now to the cited art of record, the Office Action relies on Wong to allegedly show "a dielectric member with a predetermined electric constant and little loss [that] is mounted on a back side or a front side of the antenna." As clearly shown in Figure 1 of Wong, dielectric member 18 is positioned closer to a head 16 of a user than the antenna 12 (which is positioned farther away from the head of the user).

In more detail, Wong is concerned about a metallic surface 14 provided within an interior of his portable telephone, and is not concerned with the effects due to the head 16 of the user of the portable telephone. See column 3, lines 1-32 of Wong, for example.

Accordingly, presently pending independent claim 1 is patentable over the combined teachings of the cited art of record.

New Claims:

New claims 11-17 have been added to recite additional features of the present invention that are believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record, when taken as a whole. For example, new dependent claim 11 recites a slot provided a back surface of the upper casing at a top of the upper casing, and a joint provided for the dielectric member for fitting the dielectric member (and the antenna integrally coupled with the dielectric member) into the slot, to thereby allow detachable coupling of the dielectric member/antenna to/from the portable telephone. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

New dependent claim 12 recites features of the joint in that the joint corresponds to a power feeding section, as described, for example, on page 8 of the specification. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

New independent claim 13 recites features similar to those recited in presently pending independent claim 1, but whereby the antenna is mounted on a lower end of the lower casing, so that the dielectric member is farther away from the palm of a user than the antenna is with respect to the palm of the user.

New dependent claim 15 recites features of the joint in that the joint corresponds to a power feeding section, as described, for example, on page 8 of the specification. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

New independent claim 16 recites the detachable nature of a disclosed embodiment, in which the dielectric member/antenna can be attached to either a first slot or a second slot of the portable telephone. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

Lastly, new dependent claim 17 recites features of the joint in that the joint corresponds to a power feeding section, as described, for example, on page 8 of the specification. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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